Congressional Legislative Liaison

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Guiding Principle

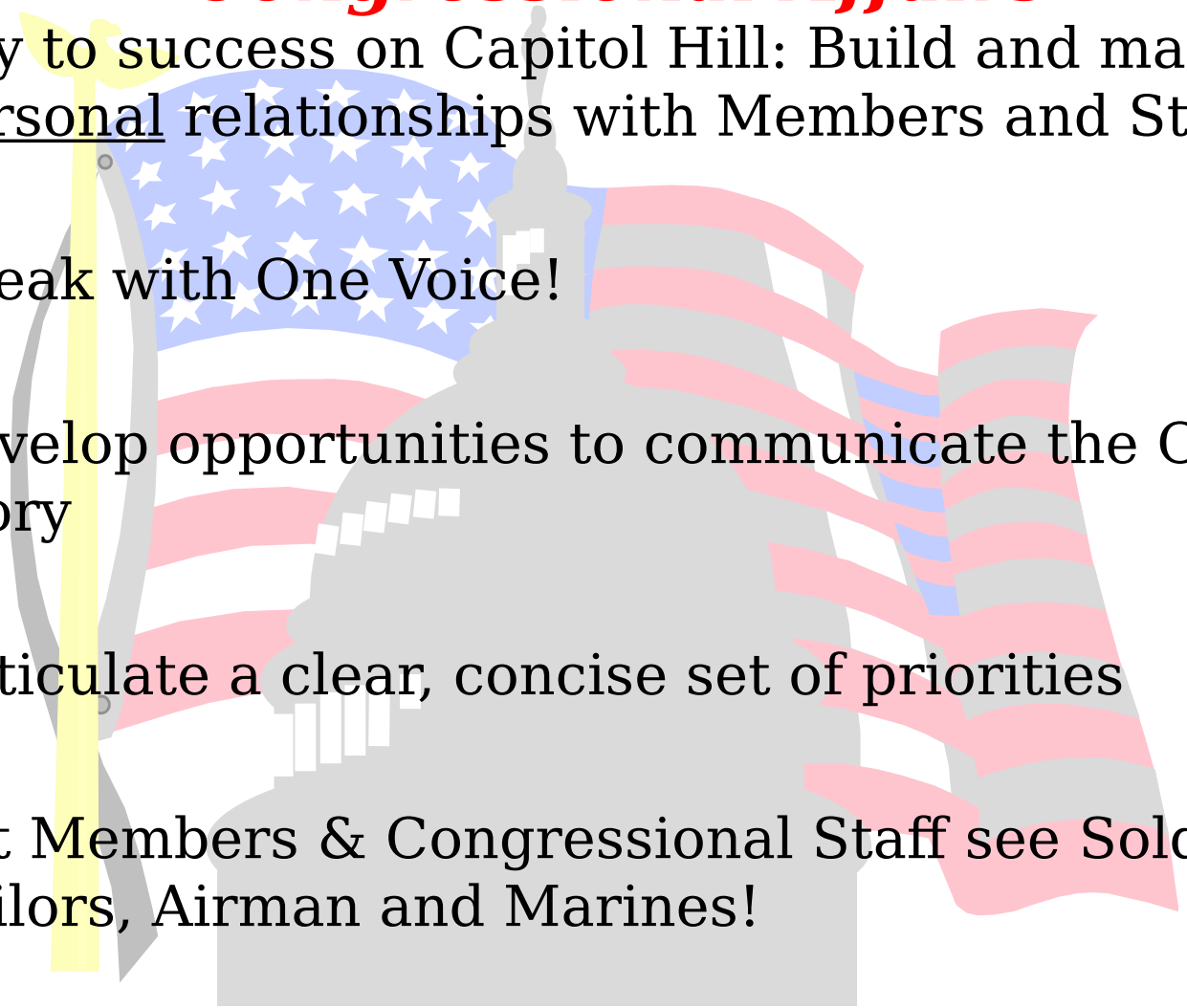
We the People

The Congress shall have the power: " To provide for the common defense . . . To raise and support Armies . . . To provide and maintain a Navy . . To make rules for the Government and Regulation of the land and naval forces . . To declare war . . . And to make laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying out the foregoing powers."

United States Constitution, Article 1, Section 8

- **Article 1, Section 8 provides oversight responsibility to the Congress for the U.S. Armed Forces**
- **Members of Congress and staff take their responsibilities seriously**
- **What they need to perform the responsibilities entrusted to them is honest, accurate and timely information;**
  - **whether supporting a Congressional trip to your unit,**
  - **responding to a Congressional inquiry involving one of your soldiers.**

Guiding Principles for Congressional Affairs



- Key to success on Capitol Hill: Build and maintain personal relationships with Members and Staff
- Speak with One Voice!
- Develop opportunities to communicate the Our Story
- Articulate a clear, concise set of priorities
- Let Members & Congressional Staff see Soldiers, Sailors, Airman and Marines!

Legislative Liaison Mission

- Directly responsible to the Service Secretary; Responds to the Military Leadership, as needed
- Sole directive agency for congressional affairs
- Formulates, coordinates, and supervises policies and programs on the Military's relations with Congress
- Coordinates subordinate command congressional legislation and issues

Legislative Liaison Mission

- Advises Secretariat and Military Department leadership on the status of Congressional affairs and on legislative aspects of military policies, plans, and programs
- Provides prompt, coordinated, consistent, and factual information to inquiries received from Members and staff
- Facilitates meetings between Members and/or congressional staff and DOD representatives

Legislative Liaison Issues

- Achieve Top Legislative Priorities to facilitate “Speaking With One Voice”
- Increase Military Departments’ TOA to execute Defense Planning Guidance and National Military Strategy
- Engaging DOD Civilian and Military Leadership and staff in the Congressional Action Plan
- Enhance DOD-Congressional relations

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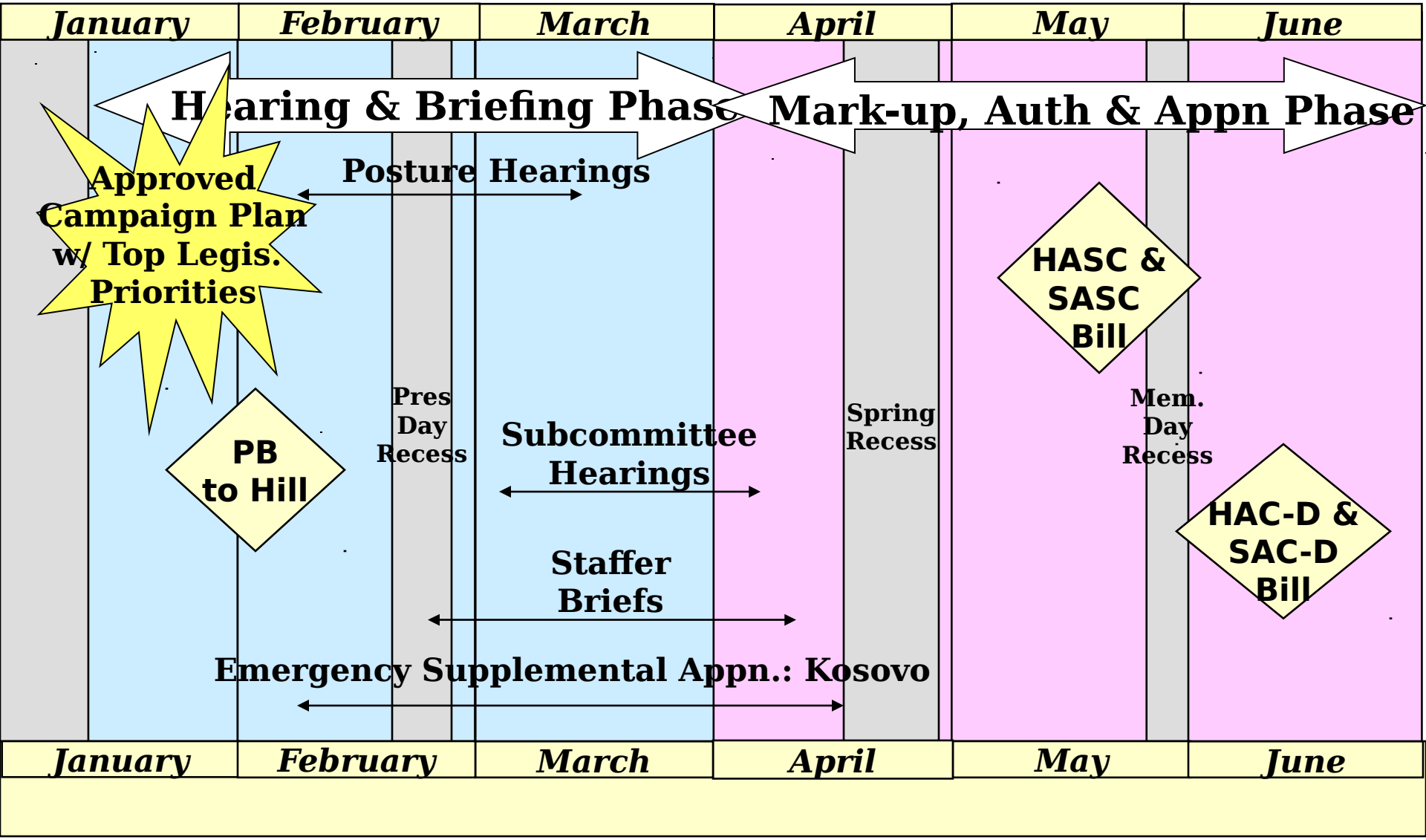

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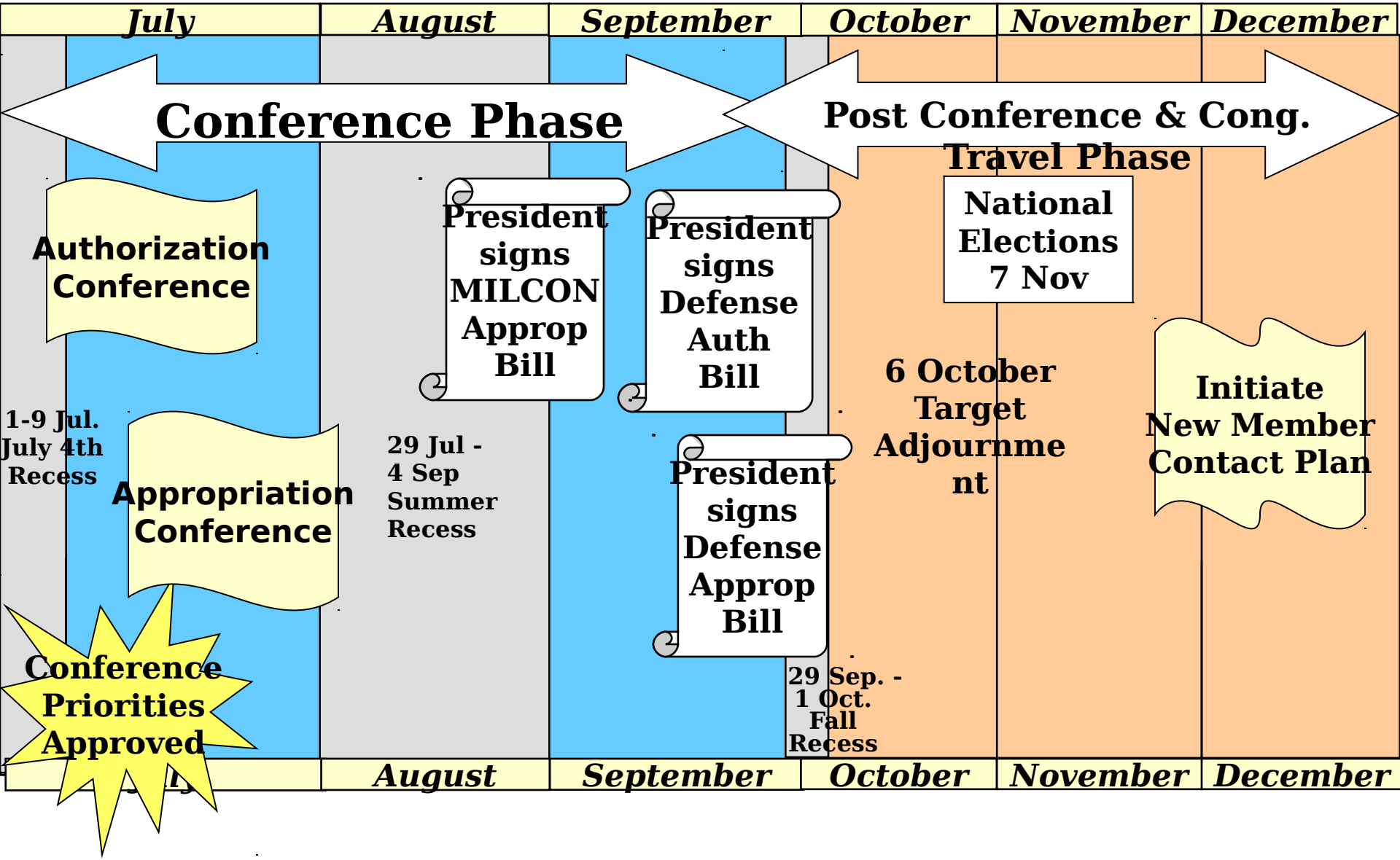
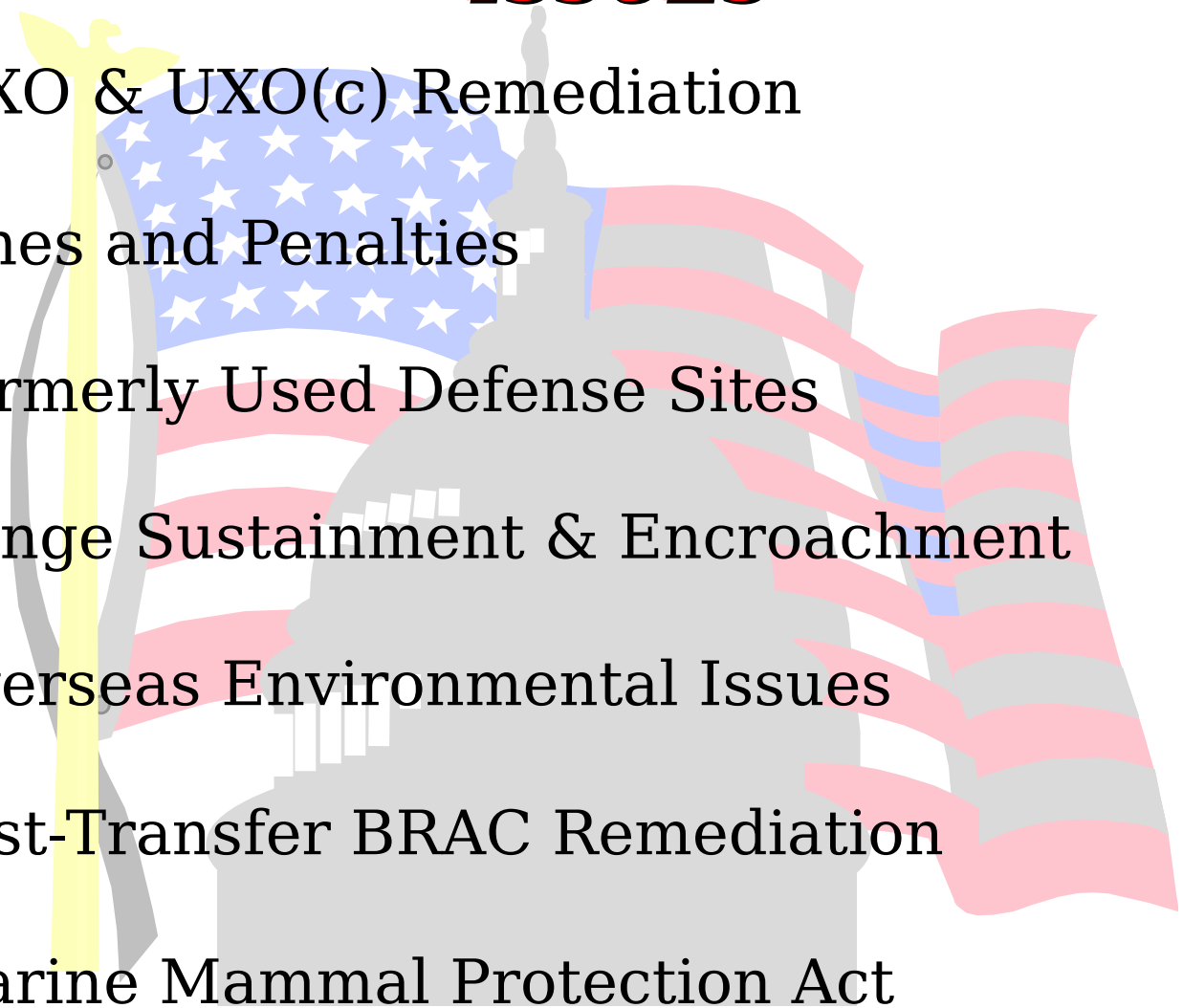


TOP LEGISLATIVE ENVIROMENTAL ISSUES



- UXO & UXO(c) Remediation
- Fines and Penalties
- Formerly Used Defense Sites
- Range Sustainment & Encroachment
- Overseas Environmental Issues
- Post-Transfer BRAC Remediation
- Marine Mammal Protection Act
- Military Working Dogs

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Conclusion & Questions

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